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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph of page 7, lines 23-28 in favor of the following new paragraph.

Indeed, both MS and EAE are a CD4⁺ T cell mediated disease and can be induced by ~~simply~~ simple immunization of mice with MBP or with one of its encephalitogenic peptide fragments. EAE, as MS, is characterized by invasion of the central nervous system by T lymphocytes, resulting in demyelination and acute, chronic or chronic relapsing paralysis.